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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Romulus Police Nab "Bomb Threat" Callers

Two individuals who called in bomb threats to Romulus Middle School on April 7 and April 10 were quickly apprehended by the Romulus Police Department, according to Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse. A Romulus Middle School student and an Inkster High School student were both charged with making false bomb threats. Results of pre-trial hearings, set for April 20 in the Wayne County Juvenile Court, were unknown at press time.

"Outstanding work by the Romulus Police Department led to confessions from both callers, and they were immediately taken into police custody," said Kruse.

"The Romulus police and fire departments, district administrators, and Central Office staff assisted by conducting sweeps of the Middle School and neighboring Wick Elementary. They did not find any suspicious items," he added.

RCS Superintendent Joel R. Carr assured the public that the district is treating the matter with all due seriousness.

"We want the citizens of Romulus to know that we will be taking strong measures against anyone who vandalizes or makes malicious calls/e-mails that threaten school facilities and/or individuals," said Carr.

"The Romulus Board of Education will pay a \$100 reward to anyone who comes forward with information that leads to the perpetrators' conviction," he added.

### Vote Tuesday, May 2

The annual Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election will feature incumbents Kenneth Mientkiewicz and Celeste Roscoe vying with challengers Danielle Funderburg and Eugene Robinson for two available seats with four-year terms of office.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office: 734-942-7540.

## School Board Candidates Express Views



Danielle Funderburg



Kenneth Mientkiewicz



Eugene Robinson



Celeste Roscoe

To help voters decide whom they will support in the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 2, "the little paper" recently distributed a questionnaire to the four candidates whose names will appear on the ballot.

Altogether, the candidates were

asked to respond to five questions, some of which were deliberately general in format to give everyone a chance to focus on the issues of their choice. Personal data was also solicited to give voters some idea about each candidate's background, experience, and knowledge of/dedication to the community.

No word limit was placed on the responses; candidates were invited to provide as much detail as they wished.

To avoid the appearance of giving anyone preferential treatment, the responses are arranged alphabetically, according to the candidates' last names.

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## Magna Award Brings Board National Notice

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education received national recognition earlier this month when it received the prestigious Magna Award at the annual National School Boards Association conference held in Chicago. According to district spokesperson Dick Kruse, Romulus was one of just 15 Magna winners, and the first Michigan district to receive it since the Berrien County Intermediate District in 2003.

The Magna Award is sponsored by the *American School Board Journal*, the independent magazine of the NSBA, and is adjudicated by an independent panel of educators, school board members, and educational administrators. It recognizes school boards who initiate bold and innovative programs that advance student learning and encourage community involvement.

"The Romulus Community Schools' winning 'Student Achievement Initiative' employs a six-component strategic plan that stresses parent involvement, alignment and assessment of curriculum, preschool education, school climate, technology, and healthy living," said Kruse. "This plan has resulted in major academic gains for the district over a 10-year period, and spawned a number of innovative, award-winning programs."

Kruse noted that Romulus has been honored with many additional awards over the past several years, including

five "Michigan's Best" awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards, three MASB state finalist "Eddy" awards, three State of Michigan "Golden Apple" awards, two Middle Cities Education Association "Muth Educational Excellence" awards, and a State of Michigan "Blue Ribbon School" award. The district

has also had two teachers win Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency "Teacher of the Year" awards, one teacher win a national "Teacher of the Year" award, and a number of schools earn "A" grades on the State of Michigan's "Education YES!" program.

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Romulus Board of Education president April Frayer (front, center) proudly displayed the *American School Board Journal* "Magna Award" – one of only 15 conferred nationwide – that was presented at the annual National School Boards Association conference held in Chicago. Also pictured are: (from left) front – Romulus Board of Education members Cheryle Buckley (trustee) and Celeste Roscoe (vice-president); back – Michigan Association of School Boards executive director Justin King and Romulus Board of Education members Thomas Kuderik (trustee), Kenneth Mientkiewicz (secretary), and Niema White (treasurer).



## Magna Award Brings National Notice

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"The Board's work has been a 'strong guiding force' to spur deeper parent involvement and higher student achievement," said Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools. He cited Body Phonics, an award-winning reading project at Wick Elementary, as a good example. The program, designed for students who have trouble reading, is taught by after-school tutors who use storytelling, picture-drawing, and hand signals to link sounds to letters.

Carr also stated that the district's ratio of computers to students (one for

every two) is one of the best in the nation, and that 1,600 parents donated 11,500+ hours to educational programs last year.

"Our community values education, and has funded our state-of-the-art facilities and programs by passing more than \$83 million in supporting bond issues," he concluded.

The Romulus Board of Education was recognized before more than 7,000 school board members at a general session held at McCormick Place, and was presented with the Magna Award at the School Leaders Luncheon at the Palmer House Hotel on April 10. □

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## School Board Candidates Express Views

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### Danielle Funderburg

**Age:** 40

**Education:**

Oakland University, 1989  
(bachelor of arts, communication,  
minor in advertising)

**Occupation (past and present):**

parent coordinator, Wick  
Elementary School; homemaker;  
community relations coordinator,  
St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Center;  
graphic designer

**Professional memberships:**

(no response)

**Military service:**

(no response)

**Government/school offices or  
agencies, community-service  
groups, and/or churches of  
which you are or have been a  
member:**

Word of Faith International  
Christian Center; School  
Community Committee, Romulus  
Community Schools; Wick Parents  
Whom Care, parent support group,  
Wick Elementary School; Romulus  
Citizens Protecting the Gateway to  
the World, a committee formed to  
oppose the casino and racetrack  
gambling proposals (Proposals 1  
and 2) in the December 2, 2003  
local election; Martin Luther King  
Day Planning Committee; The  
Commons Subdivision No. 2  
(former president)

**Other community-service work:**

Martin Luther King Day Community  
Choir; Westside Christian  
Academy (former cheer coach);  
World of Faith International  
Christina Center (former youth  
counselor); Youth Encounter  
(former youth counselor)

**Marital status/name of spouse:**

married for 15 years to Gerod  
Funderburg

**Children (if any):**

daughter Rachel, 9 years old, and  
son Romney, 7 years old; both  
attend Wick Elementary

**Number of years as a resident  
within the school district:**

3 years (moved here in 2003)

**Telephone number where residents  
can contact you with questions  
and/or concerns:**

funderburg4rcsb@aol.com

**Question #1: As you seek election  
to the Romulus Community Schools  
Board of Education, what single is-  
sue is the primary plank of your cam-  
paign platform?**

My primary platform would be to  
make sure that competitive preparation  
for our children has been provided from  
the time they enter elementary until the  
time they exit the secondary school  
system, as well as to raise college and  
vocational expectations of the parents  
and the community. We should put a  
greater emphasis on college enrollment  
based on academic excellence, and not  
solely on athletic opportunities. We also  
need to make sure that our children are  
directed in identifying their "niche" in  
life, and to offer guidance in making  
their dreams come true. Our children  
will have to compete nationally and  
abroad for college placement, vocation-  
al training, and jobs that we as Americans  
thought were exclusively ours. The  
promising days of finding a good paying  
factory job after high school graduation  
has become a thing of the past.

Once the level of expectation for  
our students is raised, I know that each  
child will rise to meet and surpass that  
challenge because he/she has the ca-  
pacity to achieve. As a result, parents  
will begin to support their children's  
endeavors by providing a good support  
system at home, and the community will  
begin to respond with opportunities to  
facilitate those expectations with partner-  
ships and scholarships.

I want Romulus students to be above  
average in achievement and character  
when they enter college or the work-  
force.

**Question #2: How do you feel  
about the more rigorous high-school  
graduation requirements recently  
signed into law by Governor Jennifer  
Granholm? What changes should our  
school district make in order to meet  
these requirements as successfully  
as possible?**

Michigan for so long has been  
viewed as an industrial state, and now,  
with the massive job cuts and layoffs,

we have had to swiftly reposition our  
lives and thinking to go beyond industry  
into technology. Michigan is beginning  
to realize that we should be preparing  
our children to be the ones developing  
the technology for industry, not just fur-  
nishing the workers. The high school  
requirements are a step in that direction.  
They will help position our children to be  
more competitive and marketable.

The Romulus school district is 3  
credits (units) shy of those requirements.  
The differences between our current  
curriculum requirements and the state's,  
besides the state being more subject-  
specific, are: 1 math credit, 1/2 science  
credit, and 1-1/2 physical education and  
art credits (the state requires 1 credit of  
each). A Romulus High School (RHS)  
student, under the current guideline,  
needs 22 credits in order to graduate,  
and is encouraged to exceed that re-  
quirement. That leaves 8-1/2 credits of  
electives that each student can take  
until graduation.

Now that we know where we stand  
as far as requirements are concerned,  
we can better assess where we are  
headed. The district will have to exam-  
ine the requirements by first consider-  
ing the math unit (Algebra I) as being  
something that could possibly be trans-  
ferable from middle school if the content  
expectations are comparable. Secondly,  
modifications to graduation require-  
ments can be made by the student and  
his/her parents and agreed upon by the  
school if the student has not met or has  
failed those requirements. Another per-  
spective is that RHS may opt to drop its  
Integrated Technology credit (1/2 credit)  
and use one of the other requirements in  
its place. Repositioning of class sched-  
ules, grade (credit) requirements, text-  
books, and the faculty needed in order  
to aid this change will have to be made.  
These changes may also put a strain on  
voc-tech class selections and other fine  
arts elective selections. Of course, when  
you make changes to class require-  
ments and staffing placement, you will  
also have to address funding these  
changes.

Although the exact specifics of this  
law are still being laid out, the board will  
have to closely examine the cause and  
effects of these mandated changes, and  
come up with sound resolutions to  
smoothly transition this law's require-  
ments into the high school curriculum.

**Question #3: As the district faces  
increasing financial strictures, what  
can the Board of Education do to try  
to maintain programs and services  
at their current level? If budget cuts  
must be made, what areas should be  
cut first?**

The general state funding is shrink-  
ing, and the Romulus community has  
made it perfectly clear that the tax bur-  
den is becoming too heavy to bear. With  
the state of Michigan in the economic  
crisis it is in, the board's responsibility  
now is to review the entire budget from  
all angles, making sure that there is no  
wasteful spending and that sound fiscal  
choices are being made, with the top  
priority being student learning and  
achievement. The community wants to  
see accountability for its tax dollars.  
The budget should speak for the inter-  
ests of the majority of the individuals  
that it services, and not just a few. Also,  
continued diligence is needed in grant-  
writing efforts for new programs that the  
district wishes to put in place.

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**DANIELLE FUNDERBURG** (cont.)

**Question #4: The various additions and improvements funded by the 1999 bond issue are now complete. In your opinion, what (if anything) should be the district's next major project, and how should it be funded?**

The next major project should be the technological infrastructure of the district and increasing awareness of that need. The school district has set a precedent for computer technology throughout the district. In order to remain a 'state-of-the-art' district, we must provide financial solutions to upgrading our existing computer systems. We have to provide operating computers for students K-12, and in the high school, the demand for working systems and compatible technology is greater. Computer hardware and software evolves every three to six months. We can't possibly keep up with those quick changes, but we can, as a district, position ourselves to have up-to-date systems where we can add on existing computer peripherals, and not just cannibalize existing equipment. These adjustments will keep us in stride with those swift changes for several years.

To qualify for grant monies, we have to have a new and innovative project, and not support an existing one. With this in mind, we may only have a few options to financially support this need. We could develop partnerships with businesses and universities to help us financially support a portion or our entire project. Shifting budget priorities could also be an option. The last resort would be that the community could possibly agree upon a bond (long-term) or sinking fund (short-term) option.

**Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?**

After graduating from college and being a part of the workforce for nine years, I made a conscious decision, upon having children, that I would leave the workforce and become actively involved in their educational process. I'm doing that and have been since they began school in Detroit. I moved to Romulus in 2003, and from the beginning I've been active in the community and the schools. I'm a former youth counselor and cheer coach, and I recently finished a job assignment at St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center (foster care, residential, and adoptive services for children). My life has been centered around children and helping them find their self-worth. It only seems right to apply my talents and energy where I will have a stronger impact: serving on the Romulus Community Schools' Board of Education.

What makes me qualified for this position? I'm vested in this community. I'm a parent and a homeowner. I'm active in the community, always getting involved and not just watching from the sidelines. My position as parent coordinator at Wick enables me to see the educational process from a well-rounded point of view. This puts me at a great advantage point to serve well on the board. I'm hardworking, approachable, and my communication degree gives me the tools needed to build relationships where people feel comfortable sharing their ideas and concerns. I'm knowledgeable of district issues and community concerns. I can research those issues, weigh the pros and cons, and make fair decisions based on my findings. By identifying the issues, I will work hard to come up with solutions and pull on others and resources to accomplish the task.

I also realize that you won't always have the same views and opinions as others. I possess the trait of disagreeing without being disagreeable, and coming to a compromise where all parties involved are satisfied.

Most of all, I want the position!

\* \* \*

### Kenneth Mientkiewicz

**Age:** 63

**Education:**

graduate of Romulus High School, Class of 1961; graduate of Eastern Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in business education (1966); earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University (1971)

**Occupation (past and present):**

retired educator (1998)

My teaching career began in 1966 at Cherry Hill High School in Inkster. I taught business classes and coached JV football, and eventually moved up to coach varsity football and varsity baseball. In 1980, I transferred into guidance and counseling.

When the Cherry Hill School District merged with Wayne-Westland Schools in 1986, I remained in guidance and counseling until I retired in 1998.

During the last three years at John Glenn High School, I was the department head for the counseling center, in charge of eight counselors and two full-time secretaries.

**Professional memberships:**

National Education Association, Michigan Education Association, Michigan High School Coaches Association, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, Wayne County Association of School Boards Executive Board, Michigan Association of School Boards

Through MASB, I have earned the Level 1 Certified Board Member Award, the Level 2 Award of Merit, and the Level 3 Award of Distinction.

**Military service:**

N/A

**Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member:**

member of St. Stephen's Church; past president of St. Stephen's Parish Council; past member of Romulus Planning Commission; past treasurer of Romulus School Board; served on various School Board committees, including technology, school/community, policy, finance, and personnel; current secretary of Romulus School Board; current member of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals; member of Romulus Rotary Club; current president of St. Stephen's Endowment Fund

**Other community-service work:**

Rotary (highway cleanup), Salvation Army (bell-ringer), Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force

(golf outing), St. Stephen's Festival (booth chairman), St. Stephen's Endowment Fund (golf outing), Romulus Rotary (child identification booth at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival), and Romulus Rotary (golf outing)

**Marital status/name of spouse:**

married 38 years to Bonnie

**Children (if any):**

Ken Jr. graduated in 1986 from Romulus High School and from Eastern Michigan University in 1991. He is currently employed as a senior inventory analyst for Sears Holding Corporation in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Jennifer graduated in 1992 from Romulus High School and from Madonna University in 1996. She completed a master's degree program from Marygrove College in 1999. She is currently employed as a kindergarten teacher.

Kimberly graduated in 1996 from Romulus High School and from Western Michigan University in 2001 with a double major in French and mathematics secondary education. She is currently teaching high school math.

Steven graduated from Romulus High School in 2000 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2005 with a degree in social studies secondary education. He is currently employed by Romulus Community Schools as a video technician.

**Number of years as a resident within the school district:**

63 years

**Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns:**

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**Question #1: As you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?**

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**KENNETH MIENTKIEWICZ** (cont.)

Currently, there are numerous major issues facing schools in the state of Michigan. Some of these key issues are No Child Left Behind, Education YES!, and the new graduation requirements. However, the number-one issue is the financing of schools. The state has not met its obligation for the past few years.

Finance reform must be addressed immediately so districts can build their budgets and keep them balanced throughout the entire school year. To achieve this goal, we need to contact the governor and our legislators with our concerns, and convince them of the need for additional funding. Costs are increasing daily, and we need help in containing health insurance and retirement costs.

Locally, we need to find ways to cut energy, equipment, and supply costs. We can do this by educating employees to turn off lights and adjust heating/cooling temperatures during off hours of building use. We need to close buildings on weekends and holidays. Our fees charged to outside groups that use our facilities need to be increased.

**Question #2: How do you feel about the more rigorous high-school graduation requirements recently signed into law by Governor Jennifer Granholm? What changes should our school district make in order to meet these requirements as successfully as possible?**

In general, I feel the law can be beneficial to our student population if we can adjust the curriculum to the various intellectual needs of these students. The new law does have merit. Everyone wants their children to receive the best education possible, and introducing them to a wider variety of subjects will help us reach this goal. Romulus already offers many of the courses required by the new law, and others can be added to meet the intent of the law.

However, there are also drawbacks to the law. To be a leader in the implementation of the new requirements, we need to hire highly qualified teachers in areas such as physics. Michigan is not producing enough physics teachers to meet that demand.

We also need to implement more foreign languages into our curriculum. We should add courses in Chinese, Japanese, and the Middle Eastern languages, which represent the cultures we will be interacting with in the global economy. These new requirements mean that more money will be needed, but no additional funding will be available from the state. Therefore, the district will have to make adjustments in its education budget to meet this need. We must be creative in our thinking and planning.

**Question #3: As the district faces increasing financial strictures, what can the Board of Education do to try to maintain programs and services at their current level? If budget cuts must be made, what areas should be cut first?**

We need to apply for any grants or funds from foundations that can be used to pay for educational programs. The district needs to actively pursue these funds for technology, curriculum enhancement, and support services. We may have to increase fees for some programs, and definitely increase our fees for building use by outside groups. The Board and the various unions need to work together to find ways to save money. We need to use the expertise of our employees to help us solve our funding problems. Previous cuts of teachers, custodians, and maintenance personnel have already trimmed their ranks to the minimum, and should be spared, if at all possible.

If we must make cuts, we need to cut from the top down, starting with the Board, Central Administration, and continue on down the list. We cannot cut from just one area. Cuts will need to come from numerous areas and in amounts that will not sacrifice our programs for our students.

**Question #4: The various additions and improvements funded by the 1999 bond issue are now complete. In your opinion, what (if anything) should be the district's next major project, and how should it be funded?**

The next improvement that I see the district needing to address would be the re-roofing of most of our buildings. The roofs of some buildings are reaching the end of their life span. We have done a lot of work to remodel the interior of our buildings. Now we need to protect that investment.

The district needs to start building money into its yearly budget for replacement of roofs, one building at a time. This means we would have to make cuts in some other areas of the budget. However, it must be spread out so that we do not destroy successful programs already in place. It is a delicate balancing act. If the legislators pass the Sinking Fund Law, this may be another source of revenue for repairs.

**Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?**

I am a strong leader, a good listener, an independent thinker, and a thorough researcher of problems that come before the Board. I collect as much information as possible that will enable me to make sound decisions that affect our school district and its students. I want to see several of our

current projects reach a successful conclusion. I believe I have a lot to offer the school district and the residents when it comes to making sound educational decisions and protecting their interest in the school system. I know I can make a major difference in keeping our school system a great place to educate our children.

I feel I am the best-qualified candidate for the Board because of my extensive educational background. My 32 years in education as a teacher, guidance counselor, department head, and football and baseball coach, and my years of service on the Board, all add up to making me the most qualified candidate. In addition, I feel I have gained vast knowledge from attending conferences and seminars and taking MASB school board classes. These experiences have given me an edge over other candidates in sound decision-making and gaining the trust and support of the community. Remember, to be an excellent board member, many things must be learned. I have spent the last four years doing that, and now I am prepared to take the next step of being a leader and innovator of sound board actions.

### Eugene Robinson

**Age:** 28

**Education:**

masters of business administration, Wayne State University; bachelor of arts in supply chain management, Michigan State University

**Occupation (past and present):**

senior supply chain engineer, Alcoa Corporation; former materials control supervisor, Visteon Corporation

**Professional memberships:**

Michigan State University Alumni Association

**Military service:**

(no response)

**Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member:**

member of Triumph Baptist Church; former member of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church; youth motivational speaker for Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church; adopt-a-child charitable programs coordinated with both work and church; volunteer in neighborhood association subcommittees; former mentor and counselor at Malcolm X Academy in Detroit; former mentor for Lansing public school district

**Other community-service work:**

(no response)

**Marital status/name of spouse:**

married/Shuanita

**Children (if any):**

(no response)

**Number of years as a resident within the school district:**

3 years

**Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns:**

734-728-4873

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**Question #1: As you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?**

Today's economy is evolving. The multitude of manufacturing jobs is steadily declining. Our kids are facing increasing global competition in college as well as in today's job market. Therefore, I want to continue strengthening the educational infrastructure, standards, and success of the Romulus school district to ensure that when our kids graduate, transition to adulthood, and continue higher learning, they are well equipped, prepared, and willing to meet and exceed all challenges that they may encounter.

Based on my college experience, I believe that kids living in urban communities are competing at an educational disadvantage. Those who reach their goal and find success often have to work twice as hard as their peers of more privileged and/or foreign communities. It is imperative that we maximize our standards of academic excellence and high achievement as well as ensure that we are providing our students with the proper tools, curriculum, and teachings to prepare them to easily compete and win in today's world.

**Question #2: How do you feel about the more rigorous high-school graduation requirements recently signed into law by Governor Jennifer Granholm? What changes should our school district make in order to meet these requirements as successfully as possible?**

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**EUGENE ROBINSON** (cont.)

I understand that the new graduation requirements may provide initial anguish to the district, but with the State Board's willingness to provide initial flexibility, I think these new requirements will definitely have a positive impact on our children, schools, and community in the long run. Not only will these requirements help to provide academic consistency throughout the high schools in the state, but it will also give our children a better chance to compete with their peers from more privileged or foreign communities when moving on to higher education.

In order to meet these requirements, the district will definitely have to tweak its current curriculum and graduation requirements. The State is mandating requirements consisting of four credits of math, four credits of English language arts, three credits of science, three credits of social science, two credits of foreign language, one credit of health/physical education, and one credit of visual and performing arts. Although Romulus High School currently requires students to meet some of the requirements that the State is now mandating, imposing these requirements will be a challenge for most districts in Michigan, particularly because of the shortages of qualified teachers. The demand for math and science teachers will increase significantly, and many districts will be competing to attract and maintain qualified personnel. Therefore, to be successful with these new requirements, Romulus schools should work diligently with colleges and universities to recruit qualified educators who can enable our students to fulfill these new requirements.

**Question #3: As the district faces increasing financial strictures, what can the Board of Education do to try to maintain programs and services at their current level? If budget cuts must be made, what areas should be cut first?**

The board must try to maintain all relevant programs and services offered that have a direct impact on the educa-

tional growth and development of our students. Before cuts to such programs and services are considered, the board must first try to seek alternative funding mechanisms to improve districts' resources. Additionally, since 75-85% of the district's budget is attributed to personnel expenses, the board should work with union leaders to collectively explore opportunities for savings. If no such savings or alternative funds are available, the board must look to cut programs and services that are the furthest from the classroom or those programs that have demonstrated little to no benefit to the educational growth of our children.

**Question #4: The various additions and improvements funded by the 1999 bond issue are now complete. In your opinion, what (if anything) should be the district's next major project, and how should it be funded?**

I believe that the next major project the district needs to undertake is to benchmark other districts and identify alternative funding mechanisms to leverage resources and continue strengthening the education provided, while decreasing the financial tax burden on the community. Property tax is becoming a major concern in the community. Identifying ways to provide tax relief to the community will allow the district to retain its current residents and encourage continuous growth in the community. A growing community should increase the amount of funding available to the district, thus providing resources to further educational and service enhancements.

**Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?**

I'm seeking a seat on the Romulus school board because I feel the board should equally represent the demographics and ethnicity of the community it serves. I want to be a leader that the Romulus community can count on to make sure that our children have every-

thing that they need to succeed. It is essential for our children to possess a strong, quality education, and I want to help inspire and ensure that they achieve it.

I believe that my educational background – bachelor of arts in supply chain management from Michigan State University and masters of business administration from Wayne State University – proves that I have the academic credentials to qualify me as a vital candidate for the board. Secondly, my professional background of working in a business environment managing a \$27-million inventory and transportation budgets and strategically developing processes to improve efficiency of operations, as well as my experience working with unions, proves that I possess the necessary financial, strategic thinking, and team working skills that qualify me as a valuable asset to the board. Last but not least, my involvement with mentoring programs sponsored through Michigan State University, my experience as a Resident Assistant at Michigan State University, and my involvement in church youth groups proves that I truly believe that education is the key to our children's future, and that I'm passionate about empowering our youth with the necessary knowledge and tools so that they are well prepared to meet and exceed the challenges of the world today.

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### Celeste Roscoe

**Age:** 48

**Education:**

educated within the Romulus school district; extended classes in accounting, math, and computers; Michigan Association of School Boards training and certification; Michigan Association of School Boards Award of Merit

**Occupation (past and present):**

employed in the accounting department at Detroit Automatic Tooling, located in Romulus

Our company is actively involved with Romulus High School by employing students through the Career/Technical School-to-Work Program.

**Professional memberships:**

Michigan Association of School Boards; National School Boards Association

**Military service:**

no

**Government/school offices or agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches of which you are or have been a member:**

Girl Scouts/Brownies – Barth Elementary; Cub Scouts – Barth, Wick, and St. Aloysius; advancement chairman, Boy

Scouts Troop #872 – St. Aloysius (current); treasurer, Romulus Little League; secretary, Romulus Athletic Club; member, Toledo Freewill Baptist Church (current); Romulus Freewill Baptist Church; trustee, Romulus Board of Education; secretary, Romulus Board of Education; vice-president, Romulus Board of Education (current)

**Other community-service work:**

parent volunteer in our schools and with our athletic teams; Community-wide Clean Sweep; various community and school booths, Romulus Pumpkin Festival; teacher, Sunday school and junior church

**Marital status/name of spouse:**

married to Rob Roscoe, employed at the City of Romulus Department of Public Works

**Children (if any):**

Katrina (graduated from Romulus in 1992; attended Suomi College and Wayne State University; married to Jody Whitehill; lives in Romulus); Philip (graduated from Romulus in 2005; now attends Beloit College in Wisconsin); Carl (10th-grader at Romulus High School)

**Number of years as a resident within the school district:**

lifelong

**Telephone number where residents can contact you with questions and/or concerns:**

734-942-1107

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**Question #1: As you seek election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, what single issue is the primary plank of your campaign platform?**

I really cannot state one single issue in regards to a campaign platform. I believe we have very tough years ahead. We are in the middle of hiring a new superintendent, new graduation requirements, and difficult financial decisions. With all this in mind, we need to all work together to continue to provide the very best education for our students and our community. My goal is to use the training and experience I have received in the past four years to achieve this.

**Question #2: How do you feel about the more rigorous high-school graduation requirements recently signed into law by Governor Jennifer Granholm? What changes should our school district make in order to meet these requirements as successfully as possible?**

Our students need to be as prepared for the next level out of high school as possible, whether it is college, trade school, or the workforce.

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## RHS Symphony Band Earns "I"

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Band	Class	Judge #1	Judge #2	Judge #3	Sight Reading	Final
RMS Concert	C	II	II	III	II	II
RMS Symphonic	A	II	II	II	II	II
RHS Concert	C	I	II	II	I	II
RHS Symphonic	A	I	I	I	I	I

The Romulus High School Symphony Band earned a first-division rating at the recent District 12 Band and Orchestra Festival held at Livonia Churchill High School. RHS band director Henry James was very pleased with the results, and complimented his students on a fine performance.

James was particularly impressed by the band receiving all A's in the five different categories of sight-reading. He also noted the fact that the band received 16 A's out of a possible 20 letter grades in all categories at the festival.

James was further impressed with the Concert Band's "II" rating.

"We came really close to getting the first-division rating," he said. "We just missed by one partial letter grade."

The Concert Band received a "I" in sight-reading and one "I" in the prepared portion of the festival, along with two "II" ratings.

"If one of the concert judges would have changed a B+ to an A-, we would have gotten the final 'I' rating," he said.

The Romulus Middle School bands performed at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School for their festivals. Both the Symphonic Band in Class "A" and the Concert Band in Class "C" received second-division ratings.

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**CELESTE ROSCOE** (cont.)

The new requirements, as difficult as they may seem, should help our students to better prepare for their next step. High school is a time to enjoy being young, but, at the same time, education has to be taken seriously. We live in such a fast-paced world that if we don't keep up with the advancements in education, our students will not be able to compete in the workforce.

There will be changes. We will need to make sure everyone understands what new requirements will be added to the requirements already in place to graduate. We will need to make sure we have the staff for the added classes and, most of all, that we continue tutoring and any extra help that the students may need to succeed.

**Question #3: As the district faces increasing financial strictures, what can the Board of Education do to try to maintain programs and services at their current level? If budget cuts must be made, what areas should be cut first?**

The Romulus school district must maintain programs and services at their current level in order to continue to meet the testing mandates, provide a quality education, and provide the quality environment needed in order for our students to advance to the next level. We have one of the finest school districts because the community and the school employees have made education a priority. I believe that the way to continue with this is with creative and constructive budgeting. We are in the middle of

organizing study sessions to review exactly where we are for the 2006/2007 school year financially, and where cuts could be made if needed. But, by no means should any one area be targeted. We will find a way to work together for the best of the students and the employees of our school district.

**Question #4: The various additions and improvements funded by the 1999 bond issue are now complete. In your opinion, what (if anything) should be the district's next major project, and how should it be funded?**

I don't see the district choosing to start any major projects at this time. We have major projects that have been chosen for us: implementing the new graduation requirements and keeping a balanced budget. We must look for every opportunity for added grants and outside funding to help with all our needs.

**Question #5: Why are you seeking election to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, and what makes you the best candidate for the job?**

I am seeking re-election because I believe that our children are our future. They are our future leaders and parents. We must work to give them every possible chance at a quality education. Competition is tough in college and the workforce; our kids deserve the best we can offer them.

I believe my passion, dedication, and knowledge of the Romulus schools and the community, over a lifetime, makes me the best candidate to continue the job. □



# The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Thursday, March 30, through Thursday, April 13. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

## Thursday, March 30

- 6:45 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 37300 McBride)
- 7:11 a.m. – Fight (block of 30700 Redwood)
- 9:04 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 6320 Central)
- 10:31 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 10:58 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7060 El Paso)
- 4:09 p.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 7060 Ranger)
- 4:10 p.m. – Minors in Possession (block of 30500 Redwood)
- 4:47 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 30400 Leroy)
- 5:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 10100 Diane)
- 6:01 p.m. – Threats (block of 15300 Woodmont)

## Friday, March 31

- 1:05 a.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 37300 Eureka)
- 2:14 a.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 28600 S. Maple)
- 9:53 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35600 Smith)
- 3:37 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 8900 Middlebelt)
- 4:34 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 5:34 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35400 Grant)
- 5:45 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:02 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35300 Michele)
- 7:09 p.m. – 911 Cellular (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 7:50 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:31 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6340 Colorado)

## Saturday, April 1

- 12:46 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6050 Columbus)
- 1:21 a.m. – OUIL (block of 28700 Eureka)
- 2:27 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 W. I-94)

- 2:54 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29300 Airport Dr.)
- 9:46 a.m. – Rescue (block of 5930 Middlebelt)
- 10:41 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6440 Laramie)
- 11:54 a.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 37500 Westvale)
- 11:55 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 12:25 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 5940 Washington)
- 12:28 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 12:47 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6060 Colorado)
- 2:02 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 2:33 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15400 Taft)
- 2:37 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30900 E. I-94)
- 3:59 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15800 Sandburg)
- 4:20 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5950 Frederic)
- 5:35 p.m. – Fight (block of 35600 Smith)
- 11:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9090 Wickham)

## Sunday, April 2

- 12:08 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6330 Colorado)
- 12:40 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 32900 Sand Piper Dr.)
- 1:41 a.m. – Fight (block of 7090 Wayne)
- 5:50 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 15500 Meadow)
- 9:14 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9790 Lisa)
- 10:12 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 15400 Collins)
- 11:06 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15300 Harrison)
- 1:35 p.m. – Hunting Complaint (block of 12000 Wahrman)
- 1:59 p.m. – Threats (block of 35300 Van Born)
- 4:48 p.m. – Fight (block of 6050 Columbus)
- 4:50 p.m. – B&E (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 4:57 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28400 Leroy)
- 5:27 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 11:23 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Brandt)

## Monday, April 3

- 8:45 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 38100 Ecorse)

- 8:52 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 11:02 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6760 Middlebelt)
- 11:10 a.m. – Larceny (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 11:45 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 5800 Hannan)
- 12:24 p.m. – Larceny (block of 27900 Northline)
- 3:14 p.m. – Threats (block of 38600 Rodeo)
- 5:57 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 15800 Colbert)
- 6:20 p.m. – Rescue (block of 5930 Middlebelt)
- 7:02 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 29100 Ecorse)
- 9:14 p.m. – Threats (block of 6230 Fourth)
- 9:51 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6080 Second)

## Tuesday, April 4

- 1:16 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 10100 Diane)
- 3:52 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35800 Beverly)
- 4:39 a.m. – Well-being Check (block of 12000 Huron River Dr.)
- 8:42 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 34300 Lynn)
- 9:01 a.m. – Threats (block of 8210 Merriman)
- 10:04 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 1:28 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6310 Wayne)
- 3:35 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6900 Inkster)
- 4:54 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)

## Wednesday, April 5

- 7:04 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Taft)
- 8:04 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 10:09 a.m. – Threats (block of 16200 Oakbrook)
- 3:16 p.m. – JC/R (block of 5930 Georgia)
- 3:34 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:51 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:20 p.m. – A&B (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 7:48 p.m. – Larceny (block of 13000 Huron River Dr.)
- 7:51 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 8:09 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 11:47 p.m. – A&B (block of 38600 Houston)

## Thursday, April 6

- 8:05 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:25 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 12:59 p.m. – Threats (block of 15400 Inkster)
- 1:14 p.m. – Bad Checks (block of 9300 Wayne)
- 1:29 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 1:33 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 39000 Superior)
- 4:43 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5910 Esther)
- 4:51 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 5:40 p.m. – JC/R (block of 16200 Wildfox)
- 5:50 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6000 Dexter)
- 6:13 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 7:16 p.m. – Minors In Possession (block of 15100 Mesa Way)
- 7:18 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15800 Isabelle)
- 7:39 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30500 Leroy)
- 8:30 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 37300 Goddard)
- 9:04 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 16700 Glasgow Ct.)
- 11:21 p.m. – JC/R (block of 27500 Newcastle)

## Friday, April 7

- 1:30 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27400 Van Born)
- 9:13 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 35400 Beverly)
- 9:20 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9960 Wayne)
- 2:15 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Beverly Plaza)
- 2:27 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35600 Stephanie)
- 2:29 p.m. – Bomb Threat (block of 37300 Wick)
- 6:07 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:10 p.m. – VPHC (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 8:24 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 39200 Pueblo)
- 9:10 p.m. – B&E (block of 7100 Wayne)
- 9:11 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 28400 Greenview)
- 11:16 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7600 Merriman)

## Saturday, April 8

- 1:22 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 37500 Castle Dr.)

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## New Romulus Police Officer Sworn In



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (left) and Director of Public Safety Charles Kirby (right) were on hand to congratulate the City's newest police officer, Carolyn Harkins, when she was sworn in on March 28. Officer Harkins – a resident of Romulus for the past five years – brings with her more than four years' experience with the Detroit Police Department. She is currently assigned to patrol work.

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- 4:02 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6140 Second)
- 8:59 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6970 Ranger)
- 10:58 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 12:23 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Beverly Plaza)
- 3:50 p.m. – Threats (block of 34800 Malcolm)
- 3:57 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 34400 Lynn)
- 7:56 p.m. – Larceny (block of 27700 Newcastle)
- 10:53 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 10:56 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:00 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35400 Goddard)
- 11:23 p.m. – OUIL (block of 36700 Goddard)
- 11:51 p.m. – Robbery (block of 15000 Middlebelt)

### Sunday, April 9

- 2:32 a.m. – Threats (block of 6360 Heyer)
- 4:21 a.m. – A&B (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 11:37 a.m. – JC/R (block of 30700 Dorset)
- 3:02 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 3:20 p.m. – B&E (block of 37400 Huron River Dr.)
- 3:47 p.m. – Overdose (block of 6300 Carnegie)
- 5:14 p.m. – A&B (block of 6970 Niagara)

- 5:53 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6200 Central)
- 6:22 p.m. – JC/R (block of 10800 Ozga)
- 7:34 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 38400 Nottingham Dr.)
- 8:06 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39100 Buckingham Dr.)
- 8:48 p.m. – B&E (block of 6580 Merriman)

### Monday, April 10

- 7:02 a.m. – Bomb Threat (block of 37300 Wick)
- 9:18 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28000 Beverly)
- 11:13 a.m. – Bomb Threat (block of 36900 Wick)
- 11:54 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 38900 Nottingham Dr.)
- 12:49 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 12:49 p.m. – A&B (block of 36900 Wick)
- 2:46 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6340 Middlebelt)
- 3:06 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 31800 Ecorse)
- 4:50 p.m. – Threats (block of 6600 Washington)
- 5:57 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 7:32 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 7100 Merriman)
- 7:34 p.m. – B&E (block of 10200 Harrison)
- 9:40 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Eureka)
- 9:50 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)

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## School Board Members Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Kuderik Honored for Their Achievements in Professional Development



Romulus Board of Education secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz (front, right) received his "Award of Distinction" from Michigan Association of School Boards executive director Justin King (front, left) for earning more than 200 credits in the MASB's professional-development program. Also pictured are Cindy Merry, legislative relations representative for the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, and Wayne County Association of School Boards president Daniel Lessard.

A recent ceremony hosted by the Wayne County Association of School Boards recognized Romulus Board of Education secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz, vice-president Celeste Roscoe, and trustee Thomas Kuderik for completing professional-development programs designed to improve skills essential to being an effective board member. Justin King, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards, and Daniel Lessard, WCASB president, presided at the program, which was held at Livonia Franklin High School.

Mientkiewicz earned a Level 3 "Award of Distinction" by completing a minimum of four 200-level Certified Boardmember (CBA) classes, earning at least 208 CBA education credits, and having previously completed Level 1 (Certified Boardmember Award) and Level 2 (Award of Merit) requirements.

Vice-president Roscoe and trustee Kuderik achieved both the "Certified

Boardmember" and "Award of Merit" designations. The Certified Boardmember Award requires the completion of 30 hours (nine 100-level CBA classes) of instruction in subjects ranging from school law and finance to community relations. The Award of Merit is achieved with the completion of 45 additional hours of instruction.

Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Kuderik completed their CBA programs by taking online classes and attending workshops and conferences.

"The CBA classes are really thorough," noted Roscoe. "They cover all aspects of being an effective board member, including curriculum, human resources, labor negotiations, policy matters, relations with administration, and community visibility."

This year, more than 1,000 school-board members statewide participated in the MASB's professional-development program for elected officials.

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- 9:59 p.m. – Mutual-Aid Response (block of 39600 Tyler)
- 11:39 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 10800 Inkster)

#### Tuesday, April 11

- 6:06 a.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 28900 Beverly)
- 8:39 a.m. – Threats (block of 38200 Barth)
- 3:41 p.m. – Threats (block of 37200 Goddard)
- 5:30 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 5:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30700 Halecreek)
- 6:15 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 7140 Colbert)
- 8:37 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 9:03 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7090 Wayne)
- 9:21 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 38500 Beverly)
- 10:12 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 35600 Smith)

#### Wednesday, April 12

- 8:27 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34300 Goddard)
- 12:03 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 3:30 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:32 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 34700 Stewart)
- 3:48 p.m. – Larceny (block of 12000 Craig)

- 5:16 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9700 Marc)
- 7:57 p.m. – JC/R (block of 11300 Grover)
- 8:02 p.m. – JC/R (block of 5970 E. Maple)
- 11:52 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 11000 Delano)

#### Thursday, April 13

- 1:25 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 5940 Frederic)
- 2:33 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30500 Dru)
- 3:13 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 36500 Grant)
- 10:23 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 36500 Grant)
- 12:00 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 7170 Ozga)
- 12:10 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 38200 Barth)
- 2:54 p.m. – Larceny (block of 16200 Oakbrook)
- 3:23 p.m. – JC/R (block of 10600 Shook)
- 4:33 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 16500 Jessica Ln.)
- 5:23 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 27700 Newcastle)
- 8:09 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 31100 Beverly)
- 8:35 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 9:52 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:15 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6190 Second)
- 11:16 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35900 Vinewood)
- 11:34 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 8200 Wahrman) □



King presented Board vice-president Celeste Roscoe with her "Certified Boardmember Award" and "Award of Merit" certificates.



Board trustee Thomas Kuderik received his "Certified Boardmember Award" and "Award of Merit" certificates from King.



# Annual Fair Is Fun Way To Promote Preschool Reading



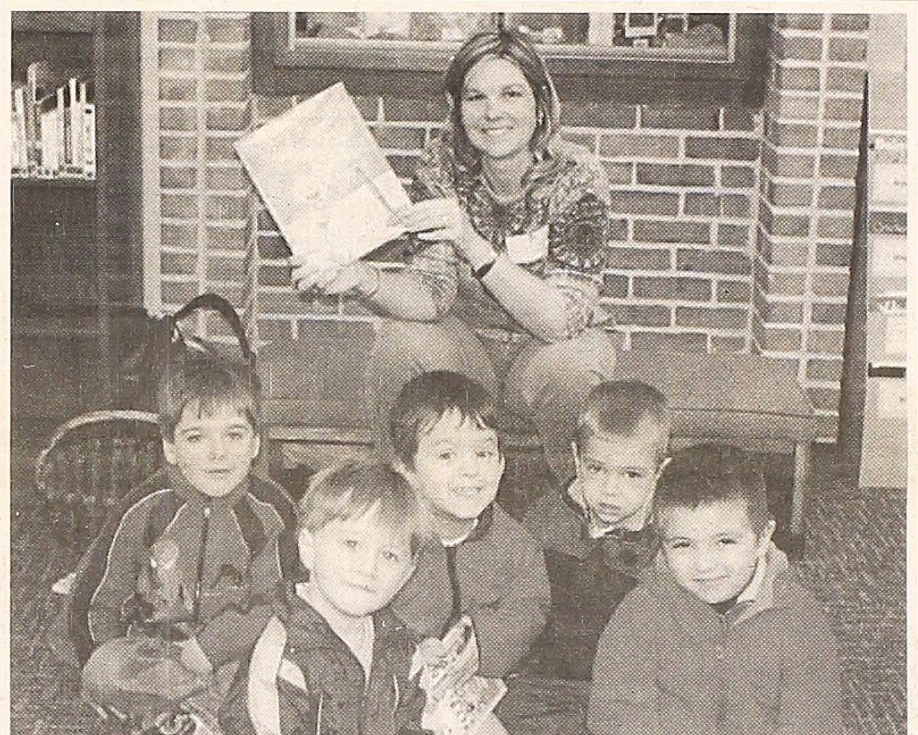
Organizing the annual Preschool Reading Fair were Early Childhood Initiative Committee members and their helpers, including: (from left) front – Sharman Spieser (co-chairperson), Jacelle Green, Tonya Green, Jwon Patterson, Misty Briscoe, Denford Briscoe, and Maria Lambert; second row – Amy Walkowiak and Linda Goulette; back – Fran Zilka, Sandra Knasiak, Shari Stewart (co-chairperson), Shelley Delano, Lucille Sparagowski, Sandy MacDonald, Judge Tina Brooks Green, Betty Lenossi, Kellie Knight, and Cheryle Buckley.



Romulus City Councilman LeRoy Burcroff (right) was one of many guest readers who took part in the Preschool Reading Fair.



Romulus City Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg also read to the children.



34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green had an attentive audience.

The third annual Romulus Preschool Reading Fair brought more than 180 residents to the Romulus Public Library on April 1. The fair – co-sponsored by the Romulus Community Schools, the Romulus Public Library, the Guidance Center's Romulus Family Resource Center, and Great Parents, Great Start-Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency – was organized by the Early Childhood Initiative Committee and friends.

"All Romulus families with preschoolers received mailed invitation packets that included library-card applications, handouts about the importance of families reading together, and a brochure about the Romulus Community Schools' preschool programs at the Burton Center," said Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse.

Preschoolers were excited to have community leaders read them children's books with lots of colorful pictures. Other attractions included free prize drawings and refreshments. City of Romulus firefighters were also on hand to pass

out souvenir fire hats and badges, and to show off their fire truck in the library parking lot.

Prizes included Happy Meal coupons (courtesy of the Eureka Road McDonald's), coloring books (Michigan Friends of Education), stuffed animals and Beanie Babies (library supporters Margaret Realy and Judy Krupa), Ready Kits (WCRESA's Great Parents, Great Start), reading toys (Meijer and Target), and weekend stays at area hotels (Doubletree, Westin, and Hampton Inn).

Guest readers were Romulus Board of Education president April Frayer, vice-president Celeste Roscoe, secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz, treasurer Niema White, and trustees Betty Lenossi and Cheryle Buckley, as well as 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, Romulus Downtown Development Authority director Maria Lambert, Romulus Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews, and Romulus City Council members Randolph Gear, LeRoy Burcroff, and Ellen Craig-Bragg.

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## Annual Fair Is Fun Way To Promote Preschool Reading

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Romulus Board of Education trustee Betty Lenossi and helpers Misty and Denford Briscoe showed off prizes that children could win at the Preschool Reading Fair.



Board of Education president April Frayer (left) was assisted by City of Romulus Animal Control Officer Kim Matthews during her reading session at the fair.



Board of Education treasurer Niema White (center) was all smiles as she started her reading session.



Board secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz had firefighter enthusiasts in his audience.



Board trustee Cheryl Buckley read the *SuperHero ABC* book to her audience.



Board vice-president Celeste Roscoe enjoyed talking with several young "puppeteers" at the Preschool Reading Fair.



## 300+ Attend Benefit for School District Tech Director Horn



Ed Horn (third from left) and his wife Kelley (fourth from left) were greeted in the cafeteria by (from left) Doug Hoffman, assistant principal, Romulus High School; Don Foley, assistant principal, RHS; Alberta Garrett, media specialist, RHS; and Shellie Moore, principal, Merriman Elementary.

A recent benefit for Romulus Community Schools Technology Department director Ed Horn, who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer (anaplastic large T-cell lymphoma with small cell variant CNS disease in leukemic phase), was a big success. More than 300 district employees and Romulus citizens turned out for the event, held at Romulus High School on April 4.

The evening began with delicious hors d'oeuvres that were prepared by the Romulus High School culinary arts program under the direction of 2005 "National Teacher of the Year" Charles Usztics and his assistant, Angelica Richardson. Afterward, attendees enjoyed a comedy show presented by Mark Knope of "Comedy Central" renown, as well as a "silent auction" that featured more than 40 items donated by district employees and Horn Family friends.

Auction items included timeshare condos at resort locations, stained-glass windows, colorful blankets and quilts,

autographed basketballs from Tommy Amaker and Tom Izzo, an autographed football from Lloyd Carr, tickets to shows and sporting events, a computer printer, a digital camera, many gift baskets, and a variety of gift certificates.

Tickets for the event were \$25 each. "The evening raised a significant amount of money that will help Ed Horn and his family as he continues his brave fight against this very rare and difficult disease," said district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "Ed and his family—including his wife, Kelley, and his children, Kya and Aidan—extend their most sincere thanks and gratitude to the Romulus educational community and the citizens of Romulus for all their wonderful help and generosity."

Pete Lopez, Technology Department director for Inkster Public Schools, was the chairman of the benefit event. He and Horn became good friends after meeting at Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency meetings. □

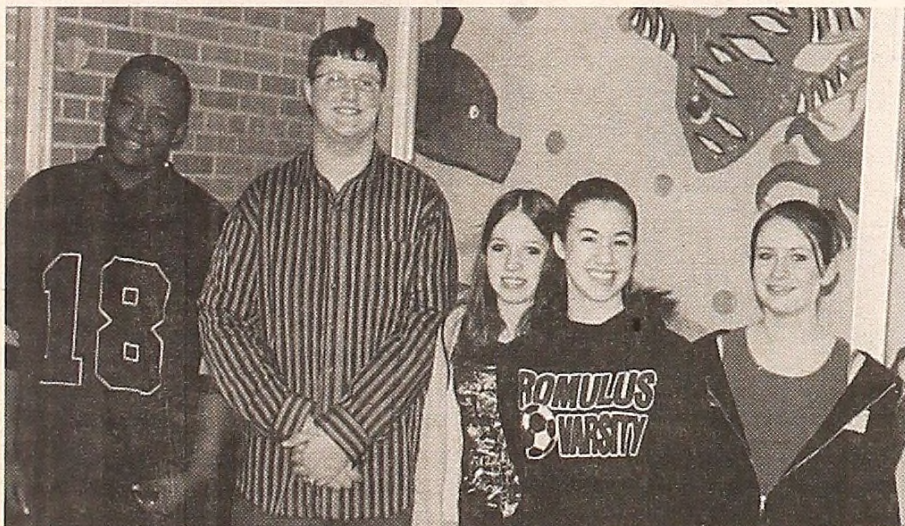


Romulus Community Schools employees who assisted with the Ed Horn benefit included: (from left) front – Louise Briody, Angelica Richardson, Dawn Sims, Molly McGlynn, Mark Edwards, and Barb Knight; middle – Kathy Hurst, Julie Forth, Robin Omev, Susan White, Lorraine Demeter, and Sheila Stasak; back – Jessika Sorg, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Carole Bales, Doris Baker, Carol Harrieff, Stacey Paige, and Lorraine Wilkerson.



Foley and Romulus Board of Education vice-president Celeste Roscoe looked over some of the paintings in the Silent Auction.

### Students Proud of "Installation Art"



(From left) Romulus High School students Deandre Tye, Ben Defelice, Kristin Leigh, Krista Smith, and Katie Cobb posed in front of their new exhibit of "installation art" – which, according to teacher Shandra Theis, is art made for a specific space, usually outdoors rather than in. Installations may be arranged as a permanent display; however, most are temporary.



Examining some of the colorful blankets and other items offered for auction were Romulus Elementary principal Lynne Mossoian (left) and RHS Culinary Arts Department assistant Angelica Richardson.



# RHS Students Recognized for Superior Academics

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on the honor roll for the fourth marking period of the 2005-2006 school year.

## ALL A's

Students on the "All A's" roll maintained a grade point average of 4.00 or above.

## Ninth Grade

Derek Bennett, Melissa Dufore, David Forbush, Michael Lammers, James McGlynn, and Samantha Watson.

## Tenth Grade

Matthew DeStrampe, Chelsea Earby, Steven Hawes, Marjus Hoxha, Arielle Morgan, and Tranay Tanner.

## Eleventh Grade

Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Aurielle McCauley, and Jessica Mills.

## Twelfth Grade

Carla Anderson, Katherine Banks, Megan Bearman, Lindsay Beregsasy, Bradley Bills, Ayibatari Burutolu, Adam DeLay, Doloris Garry, Dean Gilbert, Sara Hurt, Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Tiffany Motsch, Patricia Silvey, and Megan Whalen.

## HIGH HONORS

Students on the "High Honors" roll maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99.

## Ninth Grade

Jasmine Abney, Faith Adkins, Christine Amis, Jawan Bailey, Cody Barnes, Filmore Bouldes, Stephen Conner, Nicholas Curry, Emily Davis, Lachelle Devoe, Arianna Diebel, Brittany Frazier, Christina Gillespie, Sarah Godfrey, Brianna Grover, Chelsea Hay, DeShawna Hill, Ashlee Hood, Sarah James, Derek Kinney, Tityona Lowe, Tamica Mosley, Gary Nemeth, Randall Norfleet, Candace Poet, Nicolette Porter, Brittany Rodgers, Richard Rutherford, Donnavin Searcy, Narjis Sheikh, Jessica Sylvester, La'Tonya Warlix, and Lexi Whitfield.

## Tenth Grade

Antonio Armstrong, Rachel Arthur, Antoine Baines, Heather Baval, Frances Cistrunk, Tiffany Conradson, Alfonso Garcia, Kristina Hall, Kourtney Hamilton, Maura Harris, Gerald Horton, James Hoskinson, Katrina Jadzinski, Deonne Jones, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Vaughn Liendo, Brittney Losacco, Leanna Pioli, Kyle Sherwood, Abigail Tieppo, Julian Williams, and Clara Windom.

## Eleventh Grade

Andrew Boyd, Miguel Brewer, Akeem Burkes, Jessica Chapman, Katherine Cobb, Yetunde Emanuel, Cassaundra Graven, Tiffany Gray, Samuel Jackson, Jessica James, Joy Jendritz, Nicole Klages, Krystal McCloud, Richelle Mortzfield, Tamila Myles, Jetaun Robinson, Amna Sheikh, Princess Stubbs, Erika Wasson, Theresa Windom, and Brittany Wright.

## Twelfth Grade

Kathryn Appel, Samantha Arnett Butscher, Merrika Brown, Landria Buckley, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter, Carmen Coleman, Shaneta Cotton, Brian DeMoisey, Katrell Duncan, Jessica Fox, Carl Gillespie, Nicole Goodman, Ashley Horyn, Brittany Howard, Tiffani McCloud, Krystle McKay, Joy McWilliams, Amanda Nowicki, Jonathan Rafalski, Anisa Rakic, Timothy Reed, Joshua Rivera, Siera Stewart, Jeffrey Taylor, Ciera Williams, Patricia Williams, Dayna Woods, Jessica Workman, and Lola Wynn.

## HONORS

Students on the "Honors" roll maintained a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49.

## Ninth Grade

Levi Adams, Samantha Bankey, Kyla Barker, Kevin Barnes, Antonette Battle, Taishawn Blackmon, Toni Brown, Meriah Chapman, Quindai Christopher, Shannon Clark, Rodney Cofield, Timothy Dalton, Jovan Dapremont, Dwayne Dixon, Kayla Dizney, Travis Dockery, Emily Doyle, Jonathan Durtka, Chrystal Edwards, Darius Ellis, Desi'Ray Ellison, Kathryn Forth, Matthew Franklin, Melissa Griffith, Gary Hemmingway, Tabitha Holton, Joshua Horne, Katie Koester, Michella Langston, Christopher Maddox, Cheyenne Oakley, Christina Ottenbreit, Byron Paisley, Latrice Parnell, Jennifer Perry, Raymond Reed, Shaunte Roberts, Raven Robertson, Amanda Roehrich, Holly Schonscheck, Dion Shepherd, Kenneth Shobola, Carlos Sims, William Steele, Briannni Taylor, Adam Thornsbury, Kaela Torres, Latisha Ware, Cherrelle Watson, Mary Watts, Sam Wells, Derrick White, Kanaya Williams, Stephen Williams, Amanda Zavitz, and Mariah Zockheem.

## Tenth Grade

Dua Al-Jabery, Donnell Arrington, Jordan Bowden, Caren Brock, Dean Burcroff, Latiesa Burnett, Tiffany Clark, Gregory Cooper, Kaitlyn Cousino, Kevin Crenshaw, Shaniya Dye, JoAnna Ezell, Christopher Floyd, Dierrie Golden, April Gondek, Ashley Gondek, Crystal Greer,

Randy Hahn, Lauren Hidenfelter, Tanisha Hubbard, Idiakosa IgbinoBaro, Alexis Jackson, Rose Julius, Whitney Kelsey, Thomas Kortas, Sarah Lane, Kristin Leigh, Lori Losher, Valencia Mathews, Jerry McIntosh, Christopher McQuiston, Alyssia McVay, Amanda Menser, Kiara Moon, Lawrence Nastal, Corey Neely, Marcus Nixon, Shauna Pitman, Jacob Pykor, Jacob Quiggins, Victoria Rak, Vanessa Rhodes, Tiffany Rich, Jasmine Rutherford, Stephanie Rutherford, Steven Sanders, Fred Sirhan, John Stanford, Conishia Steward, Tommy Taylor, Brittany Toles, Sasha Wade, Tricia Wana-maker, Demar Watkins, Dyonna White, and Michael Wolfe.

## Eleventh Grade

Shawn Abney, William Blackburn, William Braden, Brieana Bray, Melissa Brewington, Christopher Burton, Shaylin Clark, Larhonda Colvin, Daniel Cross, Billy Diuguid, Carissa Franklin, Shalayia Frye, Tonio Garrison, Audrey Glenn, Angela Gondek, Markeita Hudson, Edwina Jackson, Sarah Johnson, Joseph Kieszowski, Thomas Kuderik, Shanice Lewis, Alys Long, Hillrod Lumpkin, Kristen McClure, Maureen McGlynn, Brandon Perry, Dwight Sadler, Kevanna Smith, Monay Smith, Tariq Stevenson, Kevin Stobbe, Brittany Turner, Kenesha Up-

shaw, Jacklyn Vanmeer, Kandice Wells, Daryl Wilson, Lorenzo Wilson, and Desirea Yates.

## Twelfth Grade

Ashley Austin, Richard Bennett, Tondra Bland, Brittini Brown, Chanisa Burnett, Tiffany Claiborne, Amanda Collins, Benjamin DeFelice, Justin Dockery, Poko Duarnyenneh, Jason Elwell, Kevin Ferguson, Alexis Fondren, Brittney Garrison, Amber Gondek, Lindsay Green, Timothy Griggs, Diamond Hamilton, Judith Hammond, Samina Haq, Lester Hardy, Whitney Harley, Nedra Harris, Michael Hudson, Jennifer Hunter, Riva Inman, Anita Kizer, Matthew Koester, Shannon Kowalski, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Stephanie Maddox, Justin Maupin, Monnet McCroan, Jessica Moore, Chrisma Nathaniel, Flenora Peacher, Cecily Ricer, Thomas Rutherford, Joshua Sawdy, Jessica Sears, Stacey Shreve, Robert Staffieri, Mary Stewart, Beverly Studstill, Brian Thiede, Jeremy Trevorow, Stephanie Wiley, and Stephanie Williams.

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## RHS Flutist Jessica Mills Excels in Performing, Fund-raising

Romulus High School first-chair flutist Jessica Mills has compiled a truly impressive list of accomplishments this year. Besides distinguishing herself with several notable performance achievements, she has also hosted a highly successful fund-raiser for the Romulus Community Schools' elementary music program.

In the performance area, the talented musician's feats include winning a seat in the prestigious Michigan Youth Band, hosted by the University of Michigan.

"This band is designed to prepare students to enter the UM School of Music, and has hundreds of students audition for membership," said RHS Band Director Henry James. "Students have to sight-read difficult music in front of a panel of college judges who issue acceptance notices and chair assignments. Jessica is seventh chair out of 12 flutists in the band."

Mills also received a "I" (superior) rating at the recent District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival, and scored an 86 on her State Festival "Proficiency 2" test. The proficiency test grades students on solo performance (50 points), scales from memory (25 points), and sight-reading (25 points). A score of 85 or better is needed to pass any given proficiency. The difficulty for the sight-reading and scales increases as students progress from Level 1 through Level 3.

Although technically a junior, Mills — among the top 10 students in her class at RHS — is currently enrolled in senior-level English after placing out of her eleventh-grade language-arts class. Recently, in order to complete the senior English "Senior Project" community-service requirement, she organized a concert to benefit the district's elementary



**Jessica Mills, first-chair flutist for the RHS Symphony Band, was all smiles after earning a "I" at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival.**

music program. The concert — held at Progressive Hall — featured six area rock bands. Altogether, the event raised \$758, which Mills then presented to band teacher Christine Shefferly to support the band programs at Halecreek and Merriman elementary schools.

Dick Kruse, former Romulus Middle School band director and former Music Department head, noted, "Jessica was very dedicated right away when she started on the flute during the summer between third and fourth grades. She always did more than requested, learned the traditional beginning-band songs, and continuously asked for more difficult music. By the end of the summer, she could play 'The Victors,' and she had started working on the tryout selection for the Middle School band."

"I knew Jessica would be a special player as she moved through her academic career in the Romulus schools," he concluded. □

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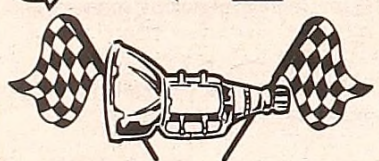
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**Mills (right) donated \$758 to Elementary Band Director Christine Shefferly for the band programs at Halecreek (her former school) and Merriman. Mills raised the money by organizing a rock band concert as part of her Senior English Project.**



## RES Students "Jump Rope for Heart"



(From left) Romulus Elementary students Jacob Stuart, Amere Lomax, Amyree Washington, Briann Cotrell, Cyndil Banks, and Christopher Clemons were among the 400+ students who helped raise money for the American Heart Association at the school's annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event.

## Prom, Graduation Dates Announced

Douglas Hoffman, assistant principal at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events to update graduating seniors and their parents.

- **Senior All-night Party**  
(Friday, May 12, with lock-in from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house);
- **Senior Final Exams**  
(Thursday, June 1, during 4th, 5th, and 6th hours; seniors attend from 10:59 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.)
- **Senior Final Exams**  
(Friday, June 2, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours; seniors attend from 7:31 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.)
- **Prom Toast**  
(Wednesday, June 7, from 6 to 7 p.m.; RHS atrium);
- **Senior Prom**  
(Wednesday, June 7, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight; Dearborn Inn);

- **Senior Brunch (seniors only)**  
(Friday, June 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Doubletree Hotel);

- **Commencement**  
(Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. sharp to 11 a.m.; RHS field house).

Hoffman asks parents to note that admission to commencement will be *by ticket only*. Tickets will be distributed to seniors during graduation rehearsal. All guests attending commencement are to be seated *no later than 9:30 a.m.* Late arrivals will not be seated when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.

A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate, and the ceremony will be videotaped. Both photos and tapes will be available for purchase.

Questions may be directed to Hoffman at 734-532-1017. □

# ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 27, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 27, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-president Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryl Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was excused. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Roscoe.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/06/15 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

3/06/16 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2006; the Special Meeting of March 15, 2006; the Special Meeting of March 21, 2006; the Special Meeting of March 22, 2006; and the Special Meeting of March 23, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following actions for Board approval.

**EMPLOYMENT** – FYI: Jessica Ramsey, Cafeteria 1, Utility Person, Romulus High School, Effective March 24, 2006.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**: Lisa Handyside (Child Care Leave), Mathematics Teacher, Romulus Middle School, Effective 2006–2007 School Year.

3/06/17 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education approve the extended Leave of Absence of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**RETIREMENT**: Sally Manning, Assistant Cook, Romulus Middle School, Effective June 13, 2006; and Karen McFall, Head Cook, Romulus Middle School, Effective June 13, 2006.

3/06/18 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education accept the retirement of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

3/06/19 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Presentation – Community High School

Mr. Al Wilkerson, Principal, Community High School, appeared before the Board of Education to give a PowerPoint presentation outlining goals, objectives, and accomplishments of staff and students. Also in attendance was Mr. Musham, Mr. TenBroeck, and Mr. Grantham. Mr. Wilkerson recognized the Michigan Alternative Athletic Association (MAAA) State Boys Basketball Champions for 2005–2006.

#### Field Trip – Cedar Point – Merriman Elementary

3/06/20 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the field trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, for Saturday, May 20, 2006, for Merriman Elementary School's Student Safety Squad, at no cost to the district. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Field Trip – Cedar Point – Romulus Elementary

3/06/21 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, to approve the field trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, for Saturday, May 20, 2006, for Romulus Elementary School's Student Safety Squad, Media Crew, and Student Council, at no cost to the district. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Reschedule Board Meeting of April 10, 2006

3/06/22 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to reschedule the Board Meeting of April 10, 2006, to April 3, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Award of Cafeteria Equipment

3/06/23 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education approve the Cafeteria Equipment as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board: (1) Magna Awards Luncheon Logistics – NSBA; (2) Barth Elementary Parent News; (3) Wick Elementary Multicultural Fair Invitation; (4) Gretchen Notaro – Congratulations; (5) Irene Sandusky – Congratulations; (6) Karen Terwilliger – Congratulations; (7) Professional Development Presenters; and (8) The Merriman Star.

#### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Lenossi informed the Board of Education that April is Reading Month, and on April 1st, a program will take place at the Romulus Library from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Mr. Thomas Kuderik reminded the Board of Education of the Multicultural Fair scheduled at Wick Elementary School for March 30, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz asked that the lighting in the High School auditorium be checked for the upcoming play.

Mrs. Cheryl Buckley asked about the status of the concession stand at Romulus High School.

Mrs. Celeste Roscoe reminded the Board of Education of the Ed Horn fund-raiser to be held at Romulus High School on Tuesday, April 4th, at 6:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

3/06/24 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



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(Note: If two or more of the sale

dates are rained out, the event will be rescheduled for the weekend of June 1–4.)

Although permits will be available until the event begins, residents must register by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, in order to be included in flyers and newspaper advertisements promoting sale locations.

For more information, please call the Recreation Department offices at 734-941-8665. □

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### SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 29, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Mr. Pete Silveri of the Michigan Association of School Boards was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

#### INTERVIEWS – CANDIDATES FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education conducted interviews with applicants Carl Weiss and Sheryl Thomas for Superintendent of Schools.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

**3/06/25** Moved by Roscoe, supported by Lenossi, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

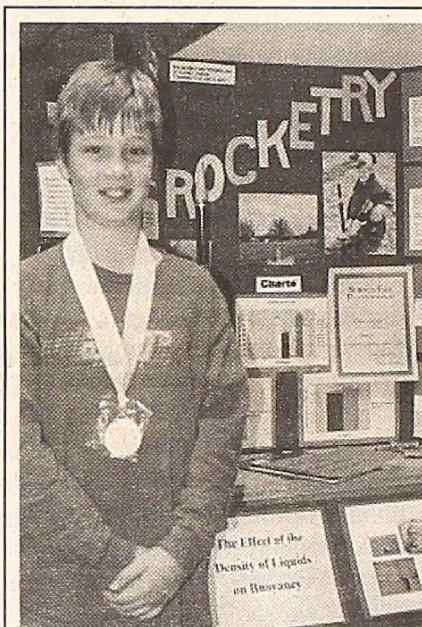
The Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary  
 Romulus Board of Education

## Barth Science Fair



Barth Elementary student Joseph Forbush showed off his prize-winning Science Fair project on the density of liquids.



Employees of Pfizer, Inc., of Ann Arbor judged the fair's exhibits, including Andrew Burcroff's prize-winning entry on rocketry.

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The Board of Education conducted interviews with applicants Sharron Norman and Deborah Clarke for Superintendent of Schools.

President Frayer opened up discussion for suggestions, questions, and/or concerns from the audience.

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President, Romulus Education Association, appeared before the Board of Education and expressed concerns.

The Board of Education cast their votes.

**3/06/26** Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, to continue further investigation on Carl Weiss and Sheryl Thomas in consideration for Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Mientkiewicz, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Interviews to be scheduled for week of April 24. Dates and times of visitations to be determined at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on April 3, 2006.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

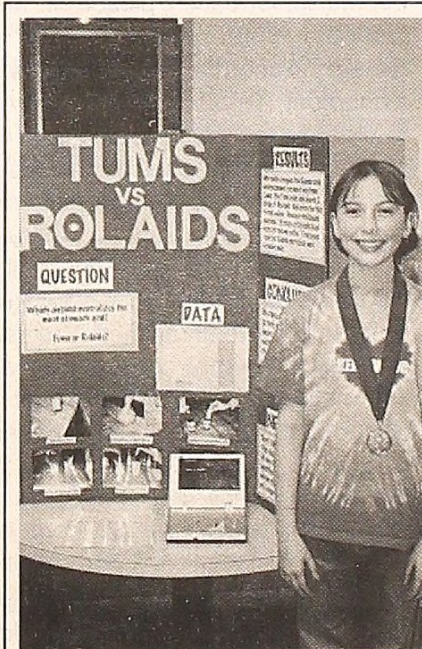
**3/06/27** Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary  
 Romulus Board of Education



Dayna Hearod's prize-winning entry at the Barth Science Fair dealt with "air rockets" and how far they traveled.



Savannah Moffat won first place with her "Tums vs. Rolaids" entry, determining that Rolaids neutralizes eight times more acid.



## Community Calendar

- **"Used Books" Sale** – The Friends of the Romulus Public Library will hold its semiannual sale of used books from Monday, April 24, through Wednesday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, April 29, from 12 to 5 p.m. Prices will range from \$1.50 for adult hardcovers to \$.50 for standard-size adult paperbacks; children's hardcovers will go for \$.50 and paperbacks for \$.25. CDs, DVDs, videos, and records will be \$1 each. Bargain-hunters looking for the ultimate deal will want to stop in on Saturday, when shoppers can fill an entire grocery bag with books for just \$2.25. All proceeds will be used to purchase materials for the library and fund library programs. Please note that the Friends are still seeking donations of gently used books for the sale; books may be dropped off at the library during its normal business hours. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **Chamber Hosts "After 5" Mini Expo** – An "After 5" Mini Expo offered by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and hosted by Bank One (10421 Middlebelt, Romulus) will be held on Monday, April 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at the event, which will feature Chamber members' products and services. Admission is free. Table space (\$25 for members; \$35 for nonmembers) may still be available; call 734-326-4290 for more information.
- **Spring Craft Show** – Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) will host a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured for sale will be hand-painted items, jewelry, baskets, wreaths, candles, purses, woodcraft items, candy, Avon, Mary Kay, Country Crafts, and much, much more. Refreshments will also be available. For more info, call 941-3044.
- **Bowl-A-Rama Benefits Animal Shelter** – Romulus Lanes will host a 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, to benefit the Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. Handicap doubles and singles events will be scheduled. Cost is \$25 per person per event or \$40 per person for two events. (Ladies' and men's mystery games, snacks, and cash prizes included.) Other highlights will include a 50/50 raffle and other jackpots. Early registration is strongly urged, since space is limited. For rules and/or other info, call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200), Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616), Joe Ozog (941-3466), or Frank Ayers (734-729-7467).
- **American Progressive Association Seeks New Members** – The American Progressive Association – one of the oldest nonprofit/community organizations in Romulus – meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (next meeting: May 9) at the Thomas J. Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road). Annual membership dues are \$25 per year. New faces are always welcome.
- **Back2 Basics** – The PEN Enrichment Community Center (35625 Vinewood, Romulus) is still accepting registrations for the spring session of its Back 2 Basics after-school program, which runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., through May 19. Cost is \$20 per week per child (ages 6 to 18); family discounts and a few scholarships are available. For more information, please call Ms. Wilson (734-728-1273) or Rev. Willis (734-728-1390).
- **Nursery Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery – a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization – is still accepting registrations to fill its few remaining openings for the 2006–2007 preschool program. The program (open to ages 30 months to 5 years) features a curriculum that focuses on social development and kindergarten readiness. HCCN is located inside St. Paul's Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street, New Boston). For more information, call Shelly at 734-992-2036.
- **Romulus Head Start Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting registrations for the 2006–2007 school year. To register his/her child, a parent/guardian must provide the following information: the child's birth certificate and immunization records, Social Security cards for both the parent and the child, family income verification (W2, 1040, FIA breakdown, etc.), the child's health insurance card, and proof of residency. Registrations may be made at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all the necessary forms. For info, call 734-532-1900.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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## Obituaries

### Edmund W. Kreyger

Edmund W. Kreyger of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at the age of 82.

Edmund — a verteran of the United States Navy — was born in Huron Township, Michigan, on Tuesday, September 25, 1923. The Wayne County Road Commission retiree (1975) was a member of the Wayne County Retirees Association, Wayne County Employees Union, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (Romulus). He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and hunting.

Surviving Edmund are his wife, Myra (Polenz) Kreyger; 2 sons, Craig (Kathy) Kreyger (SD) and Brent Kreyger (Romulus); a daughter, Gayle Mach (Romulus); 2 grandsons, Brandt Kreyger and

Benjamin Mach; and a sister, Margaret Galazen (Inkster, MI).

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Alexander and Blanch (Greza) Kreyger; 3 brothers, Marvin, Raymond, and Joseph Kreyger; and 3 sisters, Lucille Leskowski, Helen Nagorski, and Mae Richardson.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 14, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to the St. Aloysius Building Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family.

### Pamela Joyce (Dudley) Reges



Pamela Reges

"Rick" Reges in Taylor, Michigan, on Saturday, June 15, 1985.

Pam enjoyed crafts, bowling, and just being with her family and friends. She made any event fun with her quick wit and sense of humor. She was an important part of her family, and will be greatly missed.

Surviving Pam are her father; her husband; a daughter, Tammy Tarcia (Southgate, MI); a son, Patrick Reges (Belleville); a grandson, Erik Tarcia; 2 brothers, Bob (Fumiko) Dudley (Romulus) and Mark (Robin) Shusterie (Southgate); 3 sisters, Charlene (Gary) Gasser (Livonia, MI), Velma Dudley (Belleville), and Bernita (Cory) Baas (Romulus); and many nieces and nephews, as well as her best friend, Peggy (Bud) Morgan (Belleville). Among those who predeceased her was her infant daughter, Mandy Frances Brown, who passed away on February 13, 1978.

Pamela Joyce (Dudley) Reges of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2006, at the age of 48.

Pam — the daughter of Gene (Jan) Dudley and Betty (Joe) Shusterie — was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, September 26, 1957. She married Frank

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 5, at Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Dan Martin officiating.

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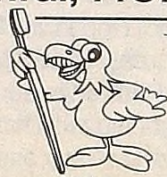
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